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UNCLAS AUGUST 16. HIGH CIRCULATION, MODERATE LA PRENSA GRAFICA
PEIANNERED "(GENERAL MIRO SIGNALS TROOP WITHDRAWAL"
AND HEADS JUMP-PAGE ITEM "THE FRONTIER IS NOW QUIET SAYS GENERAL
MIRO." LEADINCKZV CONSERVATIVE EL DIARIO DE HOY HEADLINED
"OAS INEFFICIENCY REVEALED IN COSTA RICA", BASED UPON
COSTA RIVMN REPORTS OF ALLEDGED OAS INEPTITUDE CARRIED BY SAN JOSE'S
LA NACION. HOWEVER, PROMINENT INTERIOR PAGE COVERAGE GIVEN
TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL FOLLOWING THE MANAGUA AGREEMENT. OVER
THE WEEKEND AND THIS MORNING, MAJOR RADIO STATIONS PLAYED UP
BORDER TROOP WITHDRAWAL IN GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC TONES.
LA PRENSA GRAFICA'S LEAD EDITORIAL "A DIRECT SOLUTION IS THE
MOST INDICATED" REITERATES PREVIOUS EDITORIAL COMMENTARY
PUSING FOR DIRECT NEGOCIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS
"THE MOST PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT."
INTERWOVEN IN THIS EDITORIAL SEGSES IS OPEN CRITICISM
OF THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT FOR SEEKING A "GLOBAL SOLUTION" WHICH...."
IMPEDES PRECISELY THE JUST SOLUTION (SOUGHT BY EL SALVADOR)."
THIS EDITORIAL ALSO HINTS AT ALTERIOR MOTIVES BY THE
HONDURAN GOVERNMENT IN PROPOSING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.
IN A SECOND EDITORIAL, LA PRENQ VASR
PICA, COMMENTS ON THE OAS
MILITARY OBSERVERS, ADVISING THAT COSTS OF MAINTAINING THIS
PEACE-KEEPING EFFORT WILL BE WELL SPENT PROVIDING THE TWO
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COUNTRIES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNE INTERLUDE TO LOG

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A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION.
LA PRENSA GRAFICA (EXCERPTS, FIRST EDITORIAL IN SPANISH):
"EL DIALOGO PARA LA SOLUCION DIRECTA, ES EL CAMINO MAS SENSATO,
EN LA DIFERENCIA HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR,JCOMENTA EN SU PAGINA
EDITORIAL LA PRENSA GRAFICA, BAJO EL EPIGRAFE: 'SOLUCION
DIRECTA ES LA MAS ACONSEJABLE.'
"CONTINUA EL EDIITORALISTA DE LA PRENSA GRAFICA: "LA CUESTION
FRONTERIZA ES DE FABRICACION POSTERIOR A LO SUCEDIDO EN 1969.
PERO EL GOBIERNO HONDUERENO NO SOLAMENTE HA MENCIONADA CON HARTA
FRECUENCIA EL ASUNTT LIMITROFE, SINO QUE LO MANTIENE COMO
"CONDITIO SINE QUA NON", COMO CONDITICION BASICA PARA EL ARREGLO
DE LA DIFERENCIA. SU PRETENSION DE UNA SOLUCION 'GLOBAL Y
SIMULTANEA' ESTA IDEADA PARA IMPEDIR PRECISAMENTE
TODA SOLUCION.
ES UNA POSTURA QUE ENVUELVE OTROS FINES".
"BLOQUEO TERRESTRE, INCIDENTES FRONTERIZOS, MENCION INTEMPES-
TIVA DEL PROBLEMA LIMITROFE, PUDUERAN ESTAR ENFILADOS A BUSCAR
LA MAYOR GRAVEDAD POSIBLE QUE EXPLICARA Y JUSTIFICARA EL
PROPOSITO DECLARADO DE HONDURAS DESWLEVAR ELSROBLEMA DE
FRONTERAS ANTE LA CORTE INTERNACIONAL DE JUSTICIA", CONCLUYE
EL EDITORIALISTA DE LA PRENSA GRAFICA."
LAS
RENSA GRAFICA (EXCERPTS, SECOND EDITORIAL:
JG
SOLAMENTE QUINCE DIAS IBAN AAERMANECER EN LA ZONA LIMITROFE
HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR, LOS OBSERVADORES MILITARES ENVIADOS
POR LA OEA, CONCLUYE LA PRENSA GRAFICA EN SU EDITORIAL 'PRO-
LONGA SU ACCION MEDIADORA LA OEA'.
Y A CONTINUACION ANADE: "PERO ESE PLAZO ORIGINAL HA SIDO POSTE-
RIOROGFTENGPDIFICADO AMPLIANDOLO PARA QUE LOS OBSZLVADORES PUEDAN
VIGILAR EL CUMPLIMIENTO DEL 'ACTA DE MANAGUA' QUEHAM LA ALUDIDA
CIUDAD FIRARON A FINES DE LA SEMANA QUE ACABA DE PASAR LOS JEFES
DE ESTADO MAYOR DE AMBOS PAISES...ELEVANDO LA CANTIDAD
ORIGINALMENTE DESTINADA PARA CUBRIR LOS GASTOS, QUE
ERA DE 175 MIL DOLARES A UN MONTO DE 217 MIL DOLARES...
"PERO EL COSTO Y LA IMTGEN ESTARIAN COMPENSADOS, SI LOS GOBIERNOS
DE AMBOS PAISES APROVECHARAN LA COYUNTURA PARA LOGRAR
UNA SOLUCION DEFINITIVA", CONCLUYE LA PRENSA GRAFICA.
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